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THIS WEEK

CAMPUS

SAC Speaks
Director Brett Ratner will be appearing on campus as part of the SAC Speaks lecture series. Ratner is known for directing blockbuster movies such as "X-Men: The Last Stand" and "Rush Hour." Tickets are currently available, and are free to all those who plan to attend. The lecture will take place at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, in the Charles Johnson Theatre.

COMMUNITY

Chili Supper
Local residents are invited to the annual Red Door Chili Supper set for 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21, at the First Christian Church. The event, also co-sponsored by St. Paul's Episcopal Church, raises money each year for the Children and Family Center of Northwest Missouri. The center served over 750 victims of domestic and sexual assault last year.

BEARCATS

Thursday
Baseball vs. West Florida, 3 p.m. in Pensacola, Fla.
Friday
-Track and Field at the Central Missouri Classic in Warrensburg, Mo.
-Softball vs. Midwestern State, 11 a.m. in Wichita Falls, Texas
-Softball vs. West Texas A&M, 3 p.m. in Wichita Falls, Texas
-Softball vs. Texas Woman's, 5 p.m. in Wichita Falls, Texas
Saturday
-Baseball vs. Missouri S&T, 12 p.m. in Arkadelphia, Ark.
-Women's Basketball vs. Central Missouri, 1:30 p.m. at Bearcat Arena
-Men's Basketball vs. Central Missouri, 3:30 p.m. at Bearcat Arena
-Softball vs. New Mexico State, 3 p.m. in Wichita Falls, Texas
-Softball vs. East Central (Okla.), 5 p.m. in Wichita Falls, Texas
Sunday
-Softball vs. Missouri Southern, 11 a.m. in Wichita Falls, Texas
-Baseball vs. Henderson State, 12 p.m. in Arkadelphia, Ark.
Tuesday
-Women's Basketball vs. Southwest Baptist, 5:30 p.m. in Bolivar, Mo.
-Men's Basketball vs. Southwest Baptist, 7:30 p.m. in Bolivar, Mo.

SPOOFHOUNDS

Thursday
-Wrestling at State Championships in Columbia, Mo.
-Girls' Basketball vs. Savannah, 5:30 p.m. at Maryville High School (Senior Night)
Friday
-Wrestling at State Championships in Columbia, Mo.
-Boys' Basketball vs. Savannah, 5:00 p.m. in Savannah, Mo.
Saturday
-Wrestling at State Championships in Columbia, Mo.
Tuesday
-Boys' Basketball vs. Cameron, 5:30 p.m. at Maryville High School (Senior Night)
-Girls' Basketball vs. Cameron, 5:30 p.m. in Cameron, Mo.

UNIVERSITY POLICE | OFFICER BRIAN REAMES



“You join the military; you have a sense of pride for the country you live in and I’ve always been proud to serve my country. I had the opportunity and I took it.”
- Brian Reames

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UNIVERSITY POLICE OFFICER Brian Reames contacts a dispatcher while patrolling Monday night. Reames joined University Police after serving in the National Guard for 22 years, during which he served in both Hurricane Katrina disaster relief and Operation Enforcing Freedom in Afghanistan.

MISSION OF PRIDE

By Matthew Leimkuehler
Chief Reporter

Brian Reames spent 22 years serving for the National Guard, facing challenges most human beings will never have to face. He brings his experience and wisdom to the forces of the University Police, hoping to continue to help those in need. Reames, a Maryville resident, joined the Guard in 1987, under the influence of those around him while growing up. “I was 17 and I had a

neighbor and really good friend in the Guard,” Reames said. “I heard a little bit about how the military was from them.” Reames had the goal of becoming a combat medic while serving his time in the Guard, a goal he fulfilled with ease. “We had a month of additional training to switch over, to take medical classes,” Reames said. “You have to go to school, you have to test out, obviously, and then you’re awarded certification of being a combat medic. With that you

are in charge of taking care of your guys in your unit, not to mention you’re obligated to help civilians.” Reames’ first National Guard action took place when the historic Missouri River flood of 1993 took place. “We had to provide service, protection and evacuation for the towns of Amazonia and Mound City,” Reames said. Reames had to protect the property in the area from looters and thieves, who took advantage of the devastation. After the

brief stance of action from the flood, Reames was deployed to Canada for training with the Royal Canadian Artillery. “We did medical training. We did artillery training. A lot of it I can’t really discuss,” Reames said. After the confidential Canadian stance, Reames was faced with the decision of rather or not to go overseas to serve in Kuwait. “I felt that if I was in the military, this is the reason why I got in. Knowing

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PANAMA VISIT

Instructors visit campus to learn teaching strategies

By Austin Buckner
News Editor

Six educational instructors from Panama arrived in Maryville Monday for a week-long visit of Northwest Missouri. One of the instructors, Rachelle Peters, said the group’s goal is to learn tactics and techniques in teaching to use in the creation of a lab school in Panama. “What we want to do in ProEd is we really want to create a lab school,” Peters said. “We want to train teachers way before they graduate from college so they have an idea of what they want to do,

or what they have to do, in their classroom.” Peters stated what she has learned from her visit at Northwest will also help her in her own classrooms, as she is a fourth grade teacher, as well as a volunteer with the ProEd Foundation. “I specifically, as a teacher, wanted to get ideas for classroom management and lesson planning and learn the way they work in the school. It’s something that I really like and would like to implement in my classroom.” The Panamanian instructors’ visit to Northwest was coordinated by associate professor and department chair

Carla Edwards and funded with money from the Provost Teaching and Learning Grant. Edwards has met with the instructors on two previous trips to Panama. Cassino said the trip not only provides the Panamanian instructors a chance to study and learn techniques used by Northwest faculty, but it also provides the opportunity for Northwest to learn from the strategies the visitors from Panama have implemented as well. There have already been plans made for a handful of Northwest faculty members

to visit Panama this August. The Panamanian instructors believe Edwards and Northwest have set the bar very high with this week’s visit and have plans to set the bar even higher when Northwest visits their institutions. Edwards gave special thanks to Northwest’s Max Ruhl and the founder and Executive Director of ProEd Debbie Psychoyos for their support in the coordination and organization of the visit. Edwards said the kindness of the Panamanian instructors made the visit enjoyable experience for all involved.

HAITI RELIEF

Campus rallies to raise money

By Cassie Thomas
Chief Reporter

Many Northwest student organizations have rallied to raise funds for Haiti following the tragic magnitude 7.0 earthquake that hit near Port-au-Prince Jan. 12. As of Feb. 12 the death toll is at 230,000. Groups who have organized benefits for Haiti include Students Taking Action Through Service (S.T.A.T.S.), Gamma Alpha Lambda and Sigma Alpha Iota, as well as others.

S.T.A.T.S. secretary, Montoya Lucas, says as a group through a bake sale and the “Time TWO Help: Haiti Relief Fundraiser,” they have raised around \$300 and 11 boxes of clothing along with several packages of dry foods and water to be sent to Haiti.

They will also be accepting monetary donations to be sent to Haiti for relief at each of the group’s meetings, starting this Wednesday. Gamma Alpha Lambda as a whole has been working since Jan. 18 to reach their goal of raising \$500 in five weeks. Their deadline for reaching their goal is next Monday, Feb. 22 and they still have a way to go. “We are about one third of the way there, so we are really asking the girls to step up and give these next few weeks,” Paige Bartholomew, GAL member, said. GAL is accepting donations from anyone, and encourages everyone to give by giving their donation to a member of GAL or contacting Bartholomew. Sigma Alpha Iota, along with a handful of members of the Fine Arts Department, are holding a “practice-a-thon” to

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Groups on campus raise funds for Haiti:
S.T.A.T.S.- have raised \$300 and 11 boxes of clothes.
GAL- goal to raise \$500 in five weeks.
Sigma Alpha Iota- “practice-a-thon” for people to donate \$.01 to \$100 per hour.
Panhellenic- donate \$1 for a small heart and \$25 for a large heart with donators name on it.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Christians gather to repent, sacrifice for Christ

By Philip Gruenwald
Chief Reporter

The question lingers, haunting and beckoning to be addressed. For millions of Christians worldwide, the next 40 days leading up to Easter will be marked by some variety of fasting, abstinence or sacrifice. Northwest students enter the tirade, reluctantly surrendering Facebook or chocolate. Yet the spirituality of these students sheds light on this tradition’s doctrinal relevance.

The name given for this time period in the church year is Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday. Newman Center director Bridget Brown describes the call of Lent as a call back to God, or a time of spiritual “spring cleaning.” “The real word here is sacrifice,” Brown said. “And it’s a word we don’t use very much because it sounds a little unpleasant.” This sacrifice harkens back to the ancient law found in the biblical text

of Joel, where God calls his people back to repentance. ““Even now,” declares the LORD, ‘return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning,’” reads Joel 2:12. Freshman Emily Gipson is attempting to give up Facebook for Lent. A practicing Catholic, Gipson has actually been looking forward to the Lent season. “A lot of people don’t get that it’s a preparation time not of lament and

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NORTHWEST STUDENTS TAKE part in the Christian tradition “distribution of ashes” this past Wednesday during the Ash Wednesday service held on campus.

MISSOURI ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP

Hearing held to equalize award for public schools

By **Trey Williams**
Asst. News Editor

Ever since the economy in America began to decline, it has become harder for students to afford going to college. The Missouri Access Scholarship program, started in 2007, was adopted in order to make both public and private institutions more affordable for students.

Over the years, as the program has grown monetary wise, public institutions have found the amount of money they receive compared to that

of private institutions to be unfair. Missouri's public colleges and universities have recently petitioned to get the amount of the grant money both they and private colleges receive to be equal.

As it stands now, according to a press release from the Missouri Department of Higher Education, the maximum amount for students attending a public institution is \$2,150 and the maximum amount awarded to attend an independent school is \$4,600. The proposed legislation would equalize the maxi-

mum amounts at \$2,850.

According to Kathy Love, the Missouri Department of Higher Education public information officer, approximately 25 percent of the students that attend public institutions have the support of the Missouri Access Scholarship program and about 22 percent of students for private institutions.

"If the amount of award money was made equal, then the percentage would increase for public schools and substantially decrease for private schools," Love

said.

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education met last week and voted to support the award amounts currently provided in the Missouri Access Scholarship program.

Board member Greg Upchurch said that in light of the time frame proposed by the legislation and the sunset for Access Missouri, it would be appropriate for the public and private sectors to get together now to make decisions about future award amounts, rather than

changing the current allocations that have been in effect for only three years.

The current program is set to end in the year 2013 and then has to be voted upon as to whether the program will be reinstated.

A hearing was held Wednesday concerning the bill to equalize the award amount for public and private institutions and if legislators decide to pass the bill then it will not take effect until 2014 at the earliest.

All but one board member stated that they would

not support the new legislation. Coordinating Board Chairman Lowell Kruse supports the new legislation saying that it is a charged issue and conditions have changed dramatically since the award amounts were established.

"State support for public institutions is not at the level that was anticipated at the time, and they are struggling. I know we're all in favor of higher education, no matter where it takes place. The question is how to proceed deliberately and fairly," Kruse said.

MILITARY VISIT



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MAJOR SEAN FARRAR and other officers speak to Northwest students. They taught students about making good relationships between the media and the military.

KAREN HAWKINS WEEK

Sorority celebrates life of sister; raises awareness for others

By **Matthew Leimkuehler**
Chief Reporter

The Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority is hosting a fun, yet educational week filled with events and fundraisers in honor of their fallen sister.

In 1995, Karen Hawkins offered to give her co-worker a ride home and was not found until two weeks later, raped and murdered. Every year around this time the Sigma's unite to honor Hawkins's life and educate students on self defense.

The week's events included: Monday-Hug a Sigma day. All the Sigmas line up outside the Student Union and offer all the students free hugs to brighten their day.

Tuesday-Pie a Sigma day. Many Sigmas volunteered to stand outside the Student

Union and be pied by anyone who paid a dollar towards the fundraiser. This was a messy, yet effective event.

Wednesday- was a self defense class offered and open to the public for anyone interested. This event was put on with the main focus of educating women in the subject of defense against male attackers.

Thursday- A silent Sigma walk will take place from the Student Union all the way past the Ron Houston Center of Performing Arts to the College Park Pavallion, in honor of the fallen sister. This is an open event to the public and holds the most tradition within the group.

For most Sigmas, including Freshman Makayla Krenk, the silent walk plays the role of most meaningful and important event of the week.



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MICHAEL NIEMEYER PIES Sigma Sigma Sigma member Tasha Sherman outside the union on Tuesday. Sigma Sigma Sigma accepted dollar donations to raise awareness for Karen Hawkins week.

"I hope everyone, even the community of Maryville, comes and supports our silent walk. It really is a big memorial celebration for her; we're celebrating her life," Krenk said.

Sophomore Rachel Willis shows pride in the fact that

the Tri Sigma sorority can honor an entire week out of the busy semester to honor their fallen sister.

"I think it's really awesome that we can take a week out of our whole semester and just honor this one person," Willis said.

University Wellness Center Student Health Advisory (SHAC)

The university Wellness Center is seeking a diverse and committed group of Northwest students to help start a Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC). The purpose of SHAC will be to help the Wellness Center better serve Northwest students by providing a student voice in Wellness Center operations.

SHAC will do the following

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- Coordinate various activities throughout the academic year

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NEW NODAWAY HUMANE SOCIETY

Animal shelter accepting community volunteers through programs

By Austin Buckner
News Editor

In a small building in the southeast corner of Maryville, a small staff of animal enthusiasts works a labor of love.

Jelyna Price, animal control officer and shelter attendant of Nodaway County Humane Society said her job can be a lot of hard work, but it's a job she does because she loves the animals.

"You definitely do this job because you love it," Price said. "You don't do it because you make a lot of money. You don't do it because you think animals are cute and furry. You see a lot of sad situations, but the best part is being able to fix that and making it a better

situation for the animals."

Price said volunteers are always welcome, as the small Humane Society staff appreciates any help they can receive.

"We have a really small staff. We can take care of 150 animals a day between three to four people. It's a lot of work," Price said. "We do have volunteer services. People can come in and walk the dogs, play with them, brush them out, give them baths. They can brush out cats, play with them."

Price said the work of volunteers also helps socialize the animals and ready them to be future pets.

"The biggest thing for the animals is getting socialized, so the more people we have come do that the better," Price said. "Socializing



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JELYNA PRICE, ANIMAL Control Officer and Shelter Attendant for the Nodaway County Humane Society, greets one of the many dogs awaiting adoption at the local Animal Shelter.

gets them around people and other animals so they

kennels a lot."

Price described many ways the community can contribute to the Humane Society, mentioning the buddy program and the angel program as two of the more popular methods.

"We have the buddy program. People can pay \$10 a month and sponsor an animal," Price said. "It just helps us take care of them. We have an angel program. There are some people that give \$50 a month to go toward our bills."

Along with the socialization process and community donations, Price said another key in getting the animals ready for adoption is a series of rehabilitation techniques.

"Usually sometimes dogs come in and they're

scared. It could be that somebody hurt them or they just didn't have a good life," Price said. "Sometimes they have dominance issues where they want to go after other dogs and people and they don't have a lot of trust. We just work with them. We walk them. There's a few techniques you can use to kind of show them that 'I'm alpha and you're under me.' Once they understand that, then they work better."

The Nodaway County Humane Society is located at 829 South Depot St. in Maryville.

It's open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

MARDI GRAS



photo by lori frankenfield | photography editor

HEIDI LUMBARD, ROB Graham and Kelli Goodale get their picture taken at The Palms Bar and Grill Fat Tuesday party. They handed out hats and beads to guests and had a raffle for prizes in honor of the Mardi Gras festivities. Mardi Gras serves as the last night for those partaking in Lent, to indulge themselves before making their sacrifices during the 40 day season.

CITY HALL

Council accepting bids for restroom renovations

By Amber Robinson
Missourian Reporter

City Hall hopes to have the existing bathrooms in the building demolished and completely renovated due to their poor condition by the end of this summer.

The City Council decided it was more beneficial to demolish and completely replace the existing bathrooms instead of only renovating them.

"We have been having trouble with the bathrooms that would be difficult to fix with just renovations," said Greg Decker, director of Public Works. "The structure is sagging and pulling away from the building entirely."

To submit a proposal, an optional pre bid meeting was

held Feb. 10. This meeting was open to the public and provided information about the renovation project.

Proposals are being accepted until March 4 at 10 a.m. for the project, at which time all proposals will be opened and read aloud. Plans for construction have been completed and are available to those interested in putting in a bid at City Hall for \$50 non refundable charge.

According to Decker, any licensed contractor may make a bid. The project also requires its on site employees to complete a 10 hour course in construction safety and health and must subject to Missouri Prevailing Wage laws, Annual Wage Order number 16.

Any permits required for

the project will be the responsibility of the contractor. Permits needed by the city will be provided at no charge.

Once the bids are submitted, the ultimate decision will lie with City Council, who will have suggestions from a team including Decker. Once a proposal is decided, demolition should begin soon after.

"A small group, including myself, will get together before the decision is passed off to City Council to put our input in," Decker said. "We will give our input, although the final decision rest with City Council."

Although the start time is not exact yet, city hall hopes to begin demolition in early April and have the renovations complete by the end of the summer.

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OUR VIEW

We cannot hold vengeance higher than justice

Nearly a decade later, we are still dealing with the aftershocks of the Sept. 11 attacks and the scary realization that we aren't as invincible as we once thought. Even through two administrations, one question remains: just how safe is our beloved nation?

Vice President Joe Biden and former President Bush's right-hand-man, Dick Cheney, have recently been firing quips back and forth on this question of national security. While there are

similarities between the two administrations' actions in dealing with national security, one main difference is too large to reconcile. Should we try terrorists in criminal courts on U.S. soil, or deal with the issue through military commissions? What rights should non-state actors who carry out asymmetrical attacks be given?

While the non-state actors in recent news are not U.S. citizens, the very principles behind U.S. laws go beyond the concepts of bor-

der and boundary. Freedom and justice are not solely ideals that frame the United States; they encompass every human being, and we believe that every human being is born with certain rights.

These rights are universal, they are not given and they cannot be taken away. The founding ideals that still guide this nation are built upon this idea of natural law. Sure, we don't have to give them every right we have or even go about a proceeding in trying suspected terror-

ists the same as we would an ordinary U.S. citizen that commits an ordinary crime.

Most have not been American citizens, and if a few are, they have made war on a way of life accepted by a society the government binds, and they no longer should be treated as citizens. However, they are still human beings. Some fundamental rights still exist. We cannot realize these basic rights, this natural law for some but not others. You cannot have an argument

for natural law without the approach of universality.

When it comes to trying terrorist suspects, we should not fear the verdict. We should be conscientious of our national security. If we are unable to keep our borders safe, then a criminal proceeding on U.S. soil is unwise. However, the venue President Obama chooses must respect the basic rights awarded to all of mankind, terrorists included.

What are we willing to sacrifice in the name of

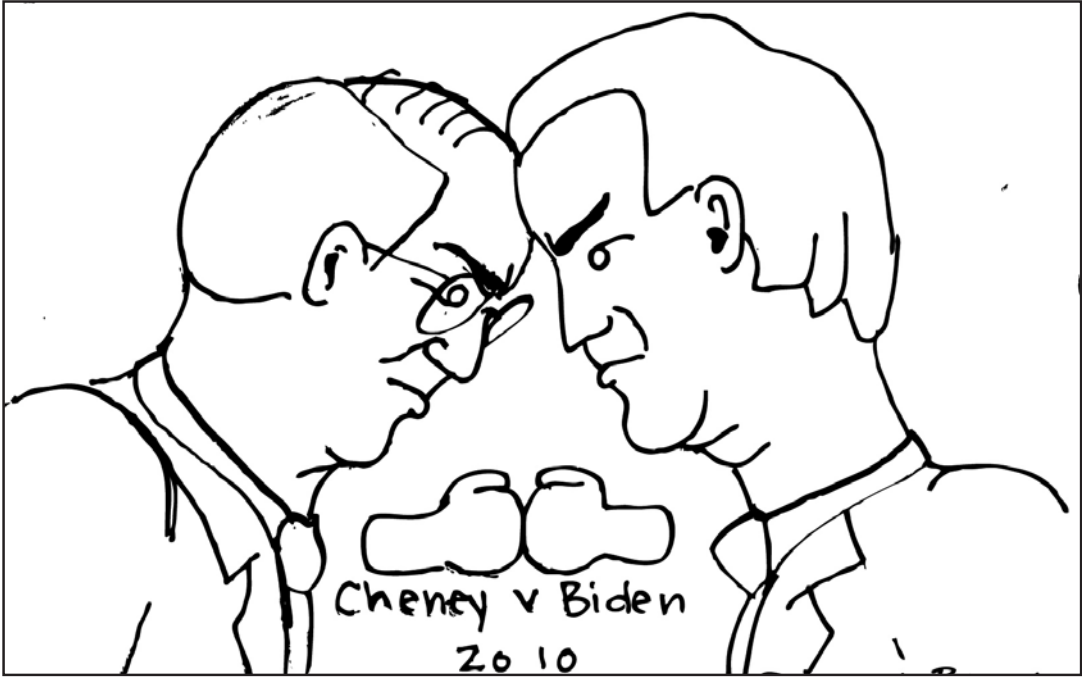
national security? Are we ready to trade justice for vengeance?

We were startled by the problem of asymmetrical warfare carried out by non-state actors when we were attacked. We do not have a country to target. There is no head of government responsible. The enemy is not conscientious of these universal rights, but we are. We must not only protect our borders, but we must also protect our foundational principles.

WHAT THE DEUCE

We have heard many tales describing the capabilities of a human being able to inflict great harm upon mankind. We have also heard many stories of children committing terrible crimes. In Iowa, the latest story unfolds. According to the Des Moines Register, a 12-year-old boy shot and killed his stepfather and wounded his 5-year-old half-sister. While this is a mild example of children snapping, the problems themselves that lead to this sort of event remain unaddressed. When it comes to children, the living essence of innocence, we must question what this boy experienced in the world to commit such a crime. Why were the signs not seen, and if noticed, why weren't they acted upon? Society creates the criminals we are plagued with, and the criminal mind-set begins in childhood.

CARTOON



MY VIEW

Drug testing for government assistance crosses line

By Chris Edwards
Contributing Columnist

The Missouri State House of Representatives has approved HB 1377, which would require Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients to submit to drug testing. At least eight other states are discussing provisions that would limit the purchasing power of those receiving welfare. This edict is primarily aimed at curbing the use of illegal drugs by those who receive government assistance, but it also advances a prolonged war against the working poor in this country.

According to HB 1377, those who fail or refuse to submit to the test will "be ineligible for TANF benefits for one year." The text indicates there would be a mechanism for maintaining benefits for children in the case a parent fails a drug test. Of course, one wonders how that could possibly be carried out. Don't most children live with their parents?

This bill also includes some troubling text regarding our state's long-term approach to civil liberties. This text seemingly requires the immediate termination of any Department of Social Services (DSS) employee "who fails to report any suspected illegal use

of a controlled substance or fraud of the TANF program by any applicant or recipient of TANF benefits." What does "suspected fraud" mean? How can we terminate DSS employees for failing to report cases of suspected fraud when the parameters for said fraud have not already been clearly outlined?

We are taking discretion away from bureaucrats while forcing them into a box that does nothing to benefit TANF recipients. I could be clean as a whistle, but what is to keep a DSS employee from deciding that my eyes are too red? Discretion is supposed to give bureaucrats more options when it comes to the delivery of services. Not in this case. Erring on the side of caution means stripping individuals of their TANF benefits, because DSS employees must administer services under the threat of termination.

If our society is disgusted by the supposed drug habits of those who receive government assistance, why aren't we testing federal student aid recipients? In Missouri alone, over 130 thousand students are eligible. Approximately 80 thousand receive benefits. How many of those students would lose everything if they were forced to submit to drug testing?

This is the disturbing standard HB 1377 sets, but it is also a reminder of the misperceptions and double standards faced by the poor in this country.

David K. Shipler, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, has written extensively about the state of the impoverished in America. Shipler argues the poor "have less control than the affluent over their private decisions" and "less insulation from the cold machinery of government." These difficulties are often compounded by other societal issues, which lead to a situation where "personal mistakes have larger consequences" and "personal achievements yield smaller returns."

Self-reliance and work ethic are a big part of how our society defines success. Contrary to popular belief, a lack of these ideal traits has almost nothing to do with those who receive government assistance. Every day, working-class Americans are impacted by illness or injury. A lack of fiscal flexibility or even health insurance turns mild conditions into catastrophic roadblocks. Medical bills are the leading cause of bankruptcy in this country, but our society insists those who are poor have become that way because of their own lack of judgment or effort.

MY VIEW

U.S. has seen Greece's recent economic problems

By Greg Miller
Contributing Columnist

Europe is holding its breath as it waits for a story all too familiar in America. It involves a country rich in history, but currently poor in their pockets: Greece.

Greece's financial burden has the potential to destabilize the Euro, a currency untested by economic hardship. Since its inception ten years ago, this currency has undergone minor threats, but never has it been challenged by a threat like this.

Multiple common themes exist in this country's financial problems; one is blatant dishonesty. The Greek government has lied about its national debt in 2001 and in 2009.

Now, yet another familiar debate is taking place. Should the European nations bail out Greece?

There is a movement among European financial experts who say it is a bad signal if Greece is rescued. They're afraid other countries will no longer care about responsible spending, since it would create a feeling that there is nothing to lose.

Another source of concern is that the euro is simply untested in an economic crisis. Concerns that the euro may not be strong enough to encompass many countries with different sizes of economies are now resurfacing. Can one currency cover high-borrowing Spain and fiscally constrained Germany at the same time?

Strategists from France's largest bank, Société

Générale, said no, according to BBC News. They said it would only patch the situation and eventually grow worse again.

Europe's response is familiar to Americans, pumping millions into Greece's economy to keep the country afloat.

Another question remains. Even if a bailout from the European Union were to happen, would it resolve the situation and set things on the right track?

This scenario is leading to social unrest and some of the largest protests in 20 years across Britain, Greece and Ireland. They feel their needs regarding unemployment are simply not being addressed.

I've studied abroad in London for the past month. I've spoken to people waiting either at various tube stations or grocery stores. While the official currency here is the British pound, this crisis will affect Great Britain as well. People here who have family and economic ties to the European Union are responding the same: they won't pay for another country's crisis.

The euro is losing value, and with each day, voices of discontent are growing louder. They are voices of people who feel they aren't being represented and don't feel the government is representing them well. Even living in another country, it's a story I feel many Americans know all too well, the question of whether the government is truly working for them.

CAMPUSTALK

What's your favorite Winter Olympic Sport?



"Skiing, because I ski sometimes and its difficult so I give them some major props for the difficult stuff they can do."



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Lauren A. Baker, 22, Maryville, driving while suspended, 1100 block of S. Main

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Jeffrey A. Brayman, 18, Maryville, minor in possession, 900 block of S. Main

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ACCIDENTS

Feb. 10

Johnny T. Breeding, 21, Hopkins, Mo., collided with **Marvin E. Harper**, 62, Barnard, Mo., at the intersection of E. Jenkins and S. Saunders

Feb. 11

Rosalind M. Thiel, 19, Maryville, collided with **Michael Wilson**, St. Joseph, Mo., 1600 block of S. Main

Feb. 12

An unknown driver collided with **Kyoung H. Shin**, Maryville, at the intersection of College Ave. and University Dr.

Lois M. Wellsfry, Vermillion, S.D., wrecked at the intersection of S. Main and E. Summit Dr.

Feb. 14

Ronald E. Nielson, 60, Barnard, Mo., wrecked at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 71 and U.S. Business Hwy. 71

Branden J. Salley, 24, Bates City, Mo., collided with **Wesley B. Murray**, 17, Maryville, 1500 block of S. Main

Branden J. Salley, 24, Bates City, Mo., failure to display lighted headlamps causing an accident, 1500 block of S. Main

OFFICER: Reames proud to serve his country

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one day my service would be called upon. When they asked me, that was my obligation. What other reason was I in the military for?" Reames said. "It just goes down to what sense of pride you have. You join the military; you have a sense of pride for the country you live in and I've always been proud to serve my country. I had the opportunity and I took it."

Reames returned from Kuwait safely, only to face an entirely new challenge on American soil. Reames was called to help those who survived the natural disaster Hurricane Katrina.

Katrina proved to be one of the biggest challenges Reames had faced thus far in his career, something he realized the closer he got to the scene of the disaster.

"As you got closer into Louisiana you could just tell how the devastation was," Reames said. "Without really being in a disaster area you don't know what one looks like, even though you see it on pictures, you can't really express what you feel and see and you smell, until you're there."

Reames and his unit provided protection during their month long stay in the disaster area. This included protecting the citizens from looters and

enforcing a nightly curfew while the process of salvaging the area began.

"We lived in a school house, slept on cots, had no electricity, had no running water," Reames said. "We lived just like they did."

Shortly after experiencing Katrina, Reames and his unit were then called to Operation Enforcing Freedom in Afghanistan.

While training in Fort Dixon, New Jersey for the Afghanistan deployment, Reames and the rest of leadership team received the opportunity to go to New York City and visit Ground Zero.

"That was something that made more of what we were doing make sense. When you're going over to Afghanistan you don't know exactly why, but when you get to the spot where it basically began, it just makes everything come to light," Reames said. "This is why we're here. All those times where we're talking about wanting to serve our country, you can say that and you can really feel that, but when you're there where it actually started, it just makes everything more solid. It makes you more proud to be in the service."

Reames returned to America and left the service after his 22 year stance. It was then Reames found the opportunity

to work for Northwest's University Police. All the years in the military has helped Reames adjust to the new scenery.

"What helps me in this job is the discipline. When you eat crap that's off the ground in the cold rainy snow, middle of the night without any sleep, it builds a character. That's how I can see and judge myself on how law enforcement is what I'm about," Reames said.

Reames has not come to terms with what he witnessed over seas as a combat medical official, even to talk with the ones closest to him.

"I try to tell people what I've experienced and it's really hard to say it," Reames said. "My parents would always get upset at me whenever I called from over seas and whenever I got back, they said 'well why don't you ever talk about this stuff?' For one, no one will understand. It's what's going on with me."

Reames left the military on his own terms, finding himself physically behind some of the younger soldiers.

"I'm not young. I finally got to the point where I want to have a quality life. I want to rest my mind, I've seen too much," Reames said. "At the same time I knew there were younger guys under me that want this chance of moving up."

DONATIONS: SAI to hold fundraiser

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benefit an orphanage that an SAI member has volunteered at multiple times in the past: Christian Light of Haiti.

Sixteen students have volunteered to log their practice hours so that parents, family, campus organizations and friends can donate at a rate of \$.01 to \$100 per hour.

All proceeds from this event will be sent directly to Christian Light orphanage.

"We don't have a specific goal, we just want to raise as much as we can to send to this orphanage that our sister has helped at a couple times before," KaTrina Gayken, SAI fundraising chair said.

The 'practice-a-thon' will be held through Feb. 19.

Pan-Hellenic council and Student Senate are holding a 'Hearts for Haiti' fundraiser in the union through Feb. 19.

Students who donate one dollar receive a small heart that they can write their name on and place anywhere on the map, and in order to receive a large heart students are asked to donate \$25.

The goal is to cover the whole map, except for Haiti, in hearts to signify a worldwide rally to support Haiti, according to Lindsey Rheuport, Vice President of Philanthropy for Pan-Hellenic council.

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) along with Pan-Hellenic and Student Senate are planning a drive in which students will be able to donate extra money from their Aladine accounts.

Dates have not yet been set for this fundraiser.

CHURCH: Mass, ash distribution held for students in Union Ballroom

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sorrow, but of happiness and getting ready, like for your birthday or for a big football game," Gipson said. "It's that practice time of preparation for Jesus' death and resurrection."

Newman Center music leader Bailey Buchman routinely arrives to mass two hours early to fine-tune her piano playing. Buchman, a freshman, vows to practice more diligently over the next 40 days.

"I'm going to be here in the chapel every day,"

Buchman said. "My goal is to do everything I possibly can to make the music ministry even better."

Northwest students gathered Wednesday at noon in the Union Ballroom to attend the Ash Wednesday mass. This service included the notable distribution of ash crosses on the students' foreheads, which Christian literature explains is "a reminder to us and those we meet that we belong to God's son."

The annual Ash Wednesday mass enjoys a comparatively full turnout. Dozens of ash-

marked students stream out onto campus, visibly signifying the start of Lent. It's a sight that Brown relishes year after year.

"Why do so many people come to mass on Ash Wednesday who might otherwise not be coming to church? It's wonderful, that realization that I am a part of a community, and I am not ashamed to show that this day. We're all here as broken people," Brown said.

Those choosing to partake in the optional sacrifice portion of Lent are asked to do so in

remembrance of the original sacrifice Jesus made. Participants will choose to disclose their lent sacrifice or keep it private; this too can be traced back to biblical text.

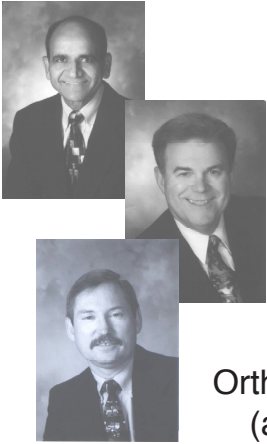
"It's time to start again or prepare yourself in a new way," Brown said. "And it's different, so people don't always do the same thing every year. But no one tells you there's any one thing you have to do."

Brown hopes that those "giving something up for Lent" will recognize their shortcomings and learn to rely more on

God. She views Lent as Christianity in a nutshell, encompassing the bulk of Jesus' ministry, suffering, death and resurrection in a 40 day period. This season, Northwest students join millions worldwide under this belief.


"I think that the importance of this community, despite these things that are individual, is recognizing that we're all in this together," Brown said. "It really is with the support of one another and the grace of God that we have any hope whatsoever to be what we were called to be."

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How do I apply for Link-Up?

To apply for Link-Up you will follow the same application process as Lifeline and the same proof of eligibility as Lifeline.

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2010 WINTER OLYMPICS

EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT



1932

First Winter Olympics held outside of Europe. It was held in Lake Placid, U.S.

1944

Winter Olympics are cancelled due to World War II. It was originally supposed to be held in Italy.

1964

Soviet skater Lidia Skoblikova sweeps all four skating events.

1972

Francisco Fernandez from Spain wins the gold medal in Sapporo, Japan. He becomes the only Spaniard to ever medal in the Winter Olympics.

1988

Christa Rothenburger wins the gold medal in speed skating. Eight months later, she won the silver medal in track cycling, making her the only person to win a medal in both the Summer and the Winter Games in the same year.

1998

Czech Republic shocks the world as the underdog team went on to win the gold medal in hockey at the Winter Olympics in Nagano beating out favorites Canada and U.S.

2010

Alexandre Bilodeau becomes the first Canadian to win a gold medal on Canadian soil in the men's moguls in Vancouver.

1924

First Winter Olympics are held.

1936

Winter Olympics are held in Nazi Germany.

1956

First Winter Olympics to be televised.

1960

Soviet Union debuts at the Winter Olympics in Rome and win more medals than any other country.

1968

Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France is broadcast for the first time in color.

1980

The Miracle on Ice, where the United States won the gold medal in men's hockey in Lake Placid.

1992

Finnish ski jumper Toni Nieminen wins two gold medals and becomes the youngest male Winter Olympics champion at 16.

1994

Winter Olympics start every four years on even numbered years to separate it from the Summer Olympics.

2002

Controversy in Salt Lake City when a French judge awarded the gold medal to the Russian figure skating team, while under pressure from the Russians, even though the Canadian team performed better. The decision was later changed and the Russian team and the Canadian team were both awarded the gold.

Winter games reflect world history

By Brian Johnson
Features Editor

Winter brings all sorts of displeasure. Blistering cold, the heavy snow which turns to slush and ruins your shoes. However, all of these bad elements go away for a few hours each night for two weeks every four years in February, thanks to the Winter Olympics.

Since 1924, the Winter Olympics have provided millions of people all over the world entertainment and awe thanks to their unparalleled athleticism. Every four years, viewers can rely on these athletes to display a set of skills, strength, determination and heart that only a select few people have.

The birth of the Winter Olympics can be traced all the way back to 1901 in Sweden. While it was over 20 years before the Winter Olympics officially started, the seeds were planted with the Nordic Games. It was the first sporting event that featured exclusively winter athletics and they were held every four years

until 1926.

Winter sports made their first appearance at the 1920 Summer Olympics in Antwerp, Belgium when the Olympic committee decided to add figure skating and ice hockey. There were plans to have these sports at the 1916 Summer Olympics, but the entire event was cancelled due to World War I.

At the 1924 Summer Olympics in Paris, a separate week was put aside for "International Winter Sports Week" where 16 different countries competed in events such as bobsledding, curling, figure skating and speed skating. The event proved to be a success and the following year, the Olympic committee decided to create a separate event and call it the Winter Olympic Games. The International Sports Week was changed to the first Winter Olympic Games.

Since then, the Winter Olympics have grown from a few different skiing and skating events to include events such as the luge, snowboarding, the skeleton and the biathlon. The public interest

and sponsorship of the games would change greatly as well.

Until the 1960s, the Olympic committee decided to not let any corporate sponsorship and commercialism influence the Olympics. This had to change in 1956 when the Winter Olympics were first televised and they needed corporate funding.

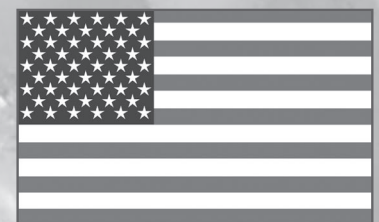
With television as a medium, the Winter Olympics were now a part of pop culture and encountered mainstream success. It was also around this time that the committee decided to have the Winter Olympics and Summer Olympics be separated by two years in order to have more emphasis and excitement placed on each Olympic Games.

This year, the Winter Olympics have come to the frosty lands of Canada in Vancouver. From the magnificent opening ceremonies on Friday where "The Great One" Wayne Gretzky lit the cauldron on the streets of Vancouver, one can already tell that this year's Games will be something that will live up to the growing legacy of the Winter Olympic Games.

MEDALS THROUGH THE YEARS

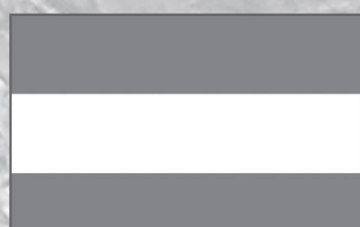


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Top 2 picks

By Isaac Freeman
Missourian Reporter

Coming to DVD: Jamie Foxx and Gerard Butler star in the action packed film, “Law Abiding Citizen.” The movie was originally released on Oct. 16, 2009 and it made over 73 million in the box office. It was a huge hit all over the world and one can only imagine how fast the DVD copies will go. The film is a tale of two men; one, Clyde Shelton (Butler) a family man whose wife and daughter are brutally murdered during a home invasion and his quest for revenge when he finds out one of the killers is getting a deal in the case. Nick Rice (Foxx) is the hottest prosecutor in Philadelphia and is assigned the case of the Shelton family murder. Although Nick doesn’t want to, his boss forces him to cut a deal with the murderer who agrees to testify against his accomplice. This movie will keep your attention.

Also coming to DVD: Vince Vaughn, Jason Bateman, Jon Favreau, Fazio Love and Kristin Davis star in the comedy “Couples Retreat.” Originally released to theatres on Oct. 9, 2009, the movie brought in over 100 million dollars. The previews show different aspects of four couples’ relationships from the good to the bad and everything in between. They all happen to be close friends and decide to take a trip to a tropical island resort after finding an amazing group rate. While there, the couples learn new things about each other and go through things they never thought they would ever experience. The laughs are endless and lessons are learned in this great movie.

STROLLER

Your Man wants a principal

Some people never really grow up. I know five-year-olds who are more polite and well-behaved than many of the “adults” who attend this school.

For example, a few days ago, I was waiting in line at W.O.K. for some General Tso’s Chicken. The customer in front of me was loudly informing one of the employees of his plans for the evening (specifically, playing Assassin’s Creed 2 and finding a way to pop his own back acne).

My ears really perked up when this winner started to order. Imagine Kanye West guest-judging American Idol after downing a fifth of cognac, and you’ll get a sense of the tact involved.

“Does he know how I like my rice?” he asked his friend, referring to the cook. “Tell him if my eggs are burned, even a little, I’ll bring it back and make him do it again.”

He went on to threaten to put the cook’s head into the wok if he added too much soy sauce (I wish I were making this up). The verbal assault continued throughout the cooking process.

I’m a pretty laid back guy, but I watched intently as he took his first couple of bites. If he’d taken so much as a step toward that underpaid, far-too-forgiving employee, I probably would have done him serious harm.

I wish this were an isolated incident, but I witness grown students acting like fools (or worse) on a regular basis. What Northwest



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needs is an effective response to inappropriate behavior. We need a principal.

I’m not talking about just any old principal. We need an old man with a handlebar moustache and a large, wooden paddle.

Picture it. Texting in class? Principal. Taking up two parking spaces? Principal. Attempting to run people over with your souped-up motorized wheelchair? Well, you get the idea.

If people insist on acting like children, I say we treat them in kind. Principals have been keeping kids in line for longer than any of us have been alive, and even the though kids here have grown a little taller, I’m sure a good hard paddle could get them back in line.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

REVIEW

“Hello: I’m Special” makes reporter question individuality

By Erin Colasacco
Missourian Reporter

I remember when I was younger, all I wanted to do was fit in. I just had to have the right clothes or listen to the most popular music. As I have grown though, I have noticed a definite shift in my generation’s attitude toward “fitting

in.” Suddenly it has become cooler to wear one-of-a-kind clothing or to discover bands that no one has heard of yet. Since when did individuality become the new conformity?

Ask Hal Niedzviecki, who addresses these issues and more in his book “Hello: I’m Special.” Niedzviecki offers his observations, facts and

arguments that point to the end of the non-conformist. He discusses and criticizes pop culture phenomenons such as “American Idol” and mainstream media.

A highlight of the book for me was a passage on the marketing of Pabst Blue Ribbon beer. The brand’s sales were down since 1970, until

a sudden 15 percent increase in 2003. The brand began to attract greasy hipsters because they do little to advertise - the equivalent of logo-free booze, which is attractive to non-conformists. As a company, Pabst is struggling to develop a marketing strategy that won’t actually appear to be marketing, in order to keep their

“underground” image going. This is just one of the numerous issues that Niedzviecki discusses about the extinction of the individualist. The book, while not necessarily an easy-read, really makes you think. It made me question what the motivation is behind the things my friends and I choose to do.

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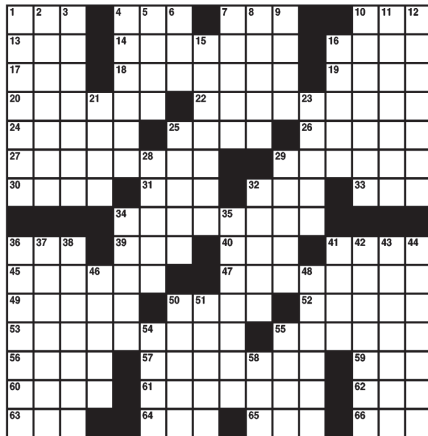
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- 4 Core training muscles
- 7 Old jet set jet, briefly
- 10 "Cheers" bartender
- 13 Green opening
- 14 Pained expression
- 16 Trac II successor
- 17 H-1 in HI, e.g.: Abbr.
- 18 Dye, usually
- 19 Docile
- 20 Do a cobbler's work
- 22 "In the netherworld"
- 24 Think the world of
- 25 Pocket protector contents
- 26 Clinton was one
- 27 Ginormous
- 29 Lets out, maybe
- 30 Some defensive linemen
- 31 Storm part
- 32 Eggs, to Agrippa
- 33 Lions, on a scoreboard
- 34 "Use bank "protection"
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- 39 Allotment word
- 40 Coll. dorm overseers
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By Damon J. Gulczynski

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- 6 Incite to pounce (on)
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- 9 Shore flier
- 10 Delayed
- 11 Large wardrobe
- 12 Star of "I'm No Angel" (1933)
- 15 Builder of tiny cities
- 16 Persistently bothered
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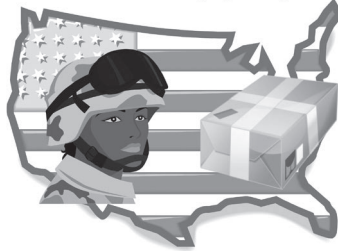
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BOYS' BASKETBALL

FALLING AND SHOOTING simultaneously, senior guard Josh Elliott makes a layup in the 'Hounds 72-31 trouncing of Rock Port. The 'Hounds went on a 21-0 run in the middle of the second quarter.

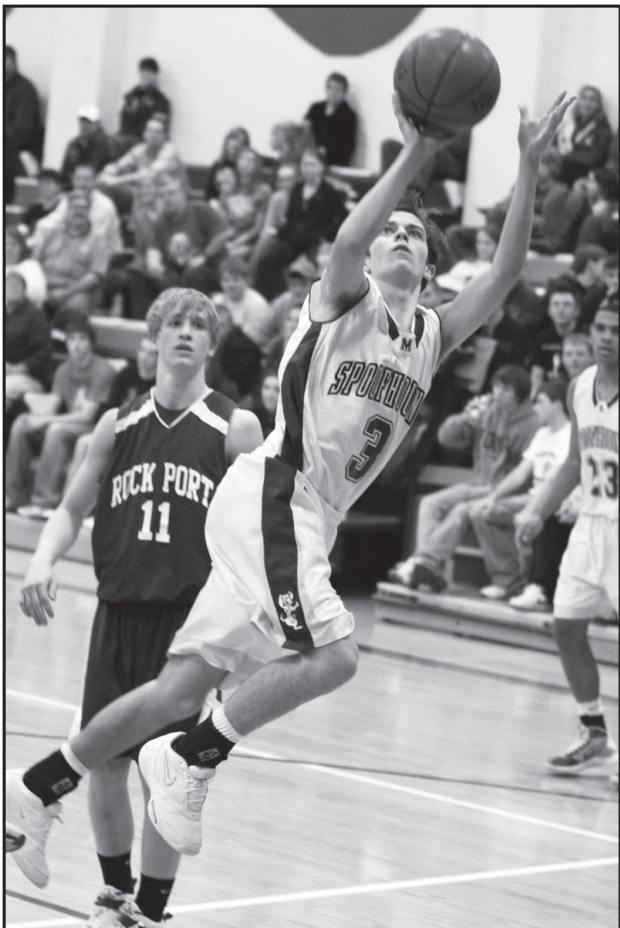


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'Hounds defense crushes Rock Port

By A.J. Martin
Missourian Reporter

The Spoofohound boys' basketball team looks to improve on their 16-3 record this Friday against Savannah after beating the Rock Port Blue Jays earlier this week.

The 'Hounds took care of the Jays in an easy fashion with a 72-31 victory Tuesday night in Maryville.

The Hounds were led by senior Keenan Joiner and sophomore Tyler Walter, with 19 and 11 points, respectively.

The Jays were led by junior Spencer Peirpoint, who was the lone Jay in double digits with 11 points.

Maryville got off to bit of a slow start, until the middle of the second

quarter after a crucial turnover sparked a 21-0 run. Part of that run was a bit controversial as Tyler Walter beat the buzzer right before halftime with an energizing half court shot to put the 'Hounds up 37-18.

Joiner expressed how important the shot was going into half time.

"It definitely motivated us to try a lot harder to put the game out of reach even though we were up at the time," Joiner said.

Maryville's frantic style of play gave Rock Port fits.

Maryville's defense forced 21 turnovers, 15 more than the 'Hounds committed as a team.

The 'Hounds used that half court shot to carry them through the

rest of the second half, despite having trouble rebounding against a very undersized Rock Port team.

Although Maryville dominated the boards, (31-14) head coach Mike Kuwitzky showed his concern with the team's rebounding efforts.

"Rebounding is definitely an area we are targeting to get better at, especially with the importance of the games we have coming up," Kuwitzky said. "Even though we had the size advantage the guys were a little out of position and we are making it a point to get better in these parts of the game."

The 'Hounds will head to Savannah this Friday, with the games starting at 5 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Spoofhounds grab 16th straight win in mauling

By Jason Lawrence
Sports Editor

The Spoofohounds came ready to play Tuesday and picked up a convincing 49-27 win over Nebraska City.

"We struggled a little bit, but we came away with about a 20 point win," head coach Grant Hageman said. "You can't be too upset when you win by 20."

The win is the No. 3 ranked 'Hounds' 16th straight win and 18th overall this season.

"I tell you what, 16 in a row is pretty good considering we've played Savannah, Smithville and Benton," Hageman said. "All three of those teams, we could play them 10 times and it could go either way probably. We've found a way to keep winning close games. That's what you have to have at the end of the year, just find ways to win."

Maryville takes on Savannah at 5:30 p.m. tonight at Maryville High School. It will be the seniors' final home game in a Spoofohound uniform.

"It'll be a great atmosphere," Hageman said. "It'll be a good game, probably right down to the wire."

WRESTLING: Duo uses pressure of being returning champions as motivation

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tournament with a 38-1 record. His sole loss came early in the season and has worked dually as a motivator and pressure reducer.

"I think losing early was good for me," Alexander said. "It took the pressure off of me. It told me I am not unbeatable or 'Mr. Invincible,' so it took a little bit of the pressure off and helps you work harder."

Some athletes struggle with the pressure of repeating the feat from past seasons. Head coach Joe Drake said the wrestlers put a lot of pressure on themselves and the people around them add

to the mounting pressure. He said many fans expect 'when you are a state champion once, you should always be a state champion.'

With Alexander coming into the weekend as the top wrestler in his class, he understands the pressure will be tough.

"It's even more pressure this year from everybody else," Alexander said. "Now they expect you to win, win, win all the time, but I think it's actually less pressure on me because I already won one. If I would have gotten second or third last year then this would be my last opportunity to win, but since I already won I think

the pressure is a little bit off. I still try hard and I still want to go win number two."

While Alexander and Merrill have been preparing all year to defend their title, their work ethic and leadership skills have been to the benefit of the entire wrestling room throughout the winter season.

"It's kind of been nice all season," Drake said. "They have been doing a great job with leadership, showing the kids how hard they have to work to be successful. It definitely gives our kids good competition to work with. It has been a plus-plus all the way around."

The wrestling room has benefited from the duo's presence, but the defending state champs also said they benefit from the one another, not only in practice, but also at state alongside of each other.

"It's good to have a teammate there," Alexander said. "You get to share the pressure and share the load. You know you're not the star on the team and everything is not on you, you got another guy. My old coach used to say 'Champions come in pairs.' You have to have someone else in the room pushing you and you have to have someone else in the room you want to strive to be like. So, I think we

really play off of each other's strengths."

Those strengths differ greatly between each wrestler. Drake said Merrill represents the technically sound, methodical wrestler while Alexander exemplifies constant motion and energy.

The seniors will put their strengths to their final high school tests this weekend. Wrestling begins Thursday at Mizzou Arena in Columbia, Mo. Class 1 and 2 begin the first round of wrestling at 10 a.m. Quarterfinals begins Friday at 9:30 a.m. The championship rounds begin Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 for each session.

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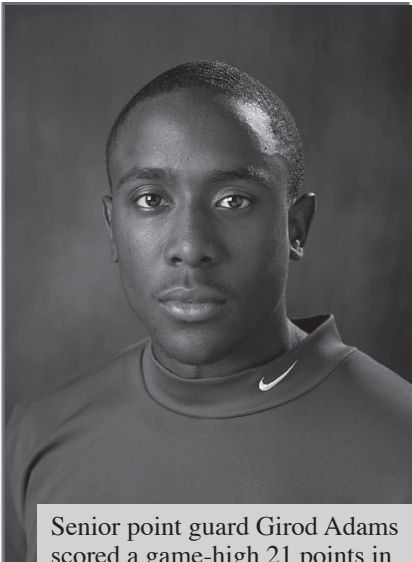
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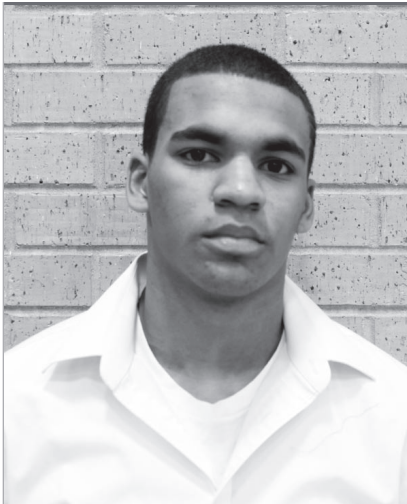
Maryville
Basketball



Senior point guard Girod Adams scored a game-high 21 points in Northwest's 83-57 win over Missouri Western on Saturday. He contributed five assists and two steals to the win. He was 3-6 from the three-point arc and hit back-to-back treys to spark a second-half run.



Sophomore point guard Shelly Martin tied a career-high with 23 points in the Bearcats' 103-73 pounding of Missouri Western on Saturday. She hit five of her nine three-point attempts on the way to her game-high point total. She had three assists and two rebounds in the victory.



Senior forward Keenan Joiner scored a game-high 19 points to lead the Spoofohounds to a 71-32 win over Rock Port on Tuesday night. Maryville improved to 16-3 on the season. Joiner leads the team into the final game of the regular season versus Savannah on Friday.



Maryville
Basketball

The Lady Spoofohounds have ran off 16 straight victories and haven't lost in 2010. The No. 3 team in Class 3 defeated Benton 42-39 last Thursday and followed it up by beating South Harrison 48-40. On Tuesday night, Maryville ran over Nebraska City 49-27.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Bearcats get important win; gear up for tourney

By Jason Lawrence
Sports Editor

The Bearcats handed Missouri Western their worst loss of the season in front of the biggest crowd at Bearcat Arena this year.

The crowd of 1,550 came out to cheer the ‘Cats to an 83-57 victory.

“I think at home, our guys show up ready to go, especially with the crowd,” head coach Ben McCollum said. “It just gives you the little extra energy that you need to get focused and compete for 40 minutes.”

Northwest jumped out to a 36-23 halftime lead and never led by fewer than 13 points throughout the second half.

“Just patience and intelligence, I think we played a very smart game,” McCollum said. “I think we played like that all game and that’s what I’ve been trying to do all year.”

Senior point guard Girod Adams scored a game-high 21 points to pace the ‘Cats. This is the seventh 20-point game for Adams this sea-

son.

“He comes from winning programs,” McCollum said. “He’s been at two winning programs. He’s been a leader from day one. He competes in practice. He’s been wonderful and especially when the game is on the line, he comes through.”

Junior forward Elijah Allen chipped in 15 points. Senior guard Edriss Floyd and freshman guard Deshaun Cooper contributed 14 and 11 points, respectively.

“We were very unselfish and we were real patient on offense,” McCollum said. “We spend a lot of time trying to get guys open.”

The Bearcats committed a season-low six turnovers in the win, showing progress heading into the final four games of the regular season.

“The intelligence we’re playing with, especially in big games, they really focus on what they need to do to win,” McCollum said. “If I could get them to do that against Truman is kind of the next step.”

Northwest currently sits in seventh place in the

MIAA.

“Any win right now means so much to making the tournament and that’s what our main objective is,” McCollum said. “We can finish anywhere from fifth to ninth. Hopefully it’s between fifth and eighth. I feel pretty good if we play like we did against Western.”

The ‘Cats kicked off a tough stretch of games to close out the regular season last night against Truman State.

“They’re hard to gear up for because of the environment they play in,” McCollum said. “It isn’t that great of an environment and then they grind it out. You have to fight for 40 minutes to get a win.”

Results were not available as of press time.

On Saturday, the Bearcats take on No. 3 Central Missouri at 3:30 p.m. at Bearcat Arena.

“We’re going to have to compete and play a perfect game,” McCollum said. “That’s what we did against Hays and hopefully we can do that against Central.”



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JUNIOR FORWARD ELIJAH Allen goes up for a layup to help the ‘Cats get past MWSU 83-57 on Saturday. Allen scored 15 points and grabbed six rebounds.

BASKETBALL		
MEN’S STATISTICS		
Northwest		Mo. West
83	Points	57
52.7	Field Goal pct.	36.5
36	Rebounds	29
19	Assists	9
36.8	Three point pct.	22.2
6	Turnovers	10
9	Steals	3
78.3	Free throw pct.	75
1	Blocks	0

WOMEN’S STATISTICS		
Northwest		Mo. West
103	Points	73
51.3	Field Goal pct.	41.4
54	Rebounds	32
26	Assists	13
51.7	Three point pct.	28
13	Turnovers	10
5	Steals	3
50	Free throw pct.	57.1
5	Blocks	3

MEN’S STANDINGS		
School	MIAA	Overall
1. Central Mo.	15-1	22-1
2. Fort Hays St.	13-3	19-4
7. Northwest	7-9	12-11

SOFTBALL

‘Cats drop 2, look to keep improving youthful team

By Austin Wear
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest softball team travels to Texas this weekend for a tournament. They hope to be in the Midwestern State Tournament in Wichita Falls, Texas for six games.

Two teams have dropped out of the tournament which puts the Bearcats’ attendance in question.

Their opponents include No. 22 West Texas A&M and the host team Midwestern State.

Head coach Ryan Anderson hopes that his young team can keep improving.

“They have to realize they have played eight to 10 years,” Anderson said. “We need to get them to get the confidence and we know all of them have it.”

Northwest begins the season with 22 straight games on the road or at a neutral site.

Their first home game is March 16 against Wayne State.

Northwest played their first games last weekend. The Bearcats (0-2) fell to Central Oklahoma in a doubleheader 5-4 and 10-1. Anderson believes his team came to compete despite set-backs due to the weather.

“We played well,” Anderson said. “We didn’t hit. You could tell with our pitchers not being outside, it’s a lot different pitching on the hard surface than a dirt surface. They had to get used to it and it showed. But overall, the team played well.”

Junior Kaila Ballard hit a two-run homerun in the first game and finished 2-for-5 hitting on the day. RS-Fr. Hailee Hendricks was 3-for-6 in the doubleheader with a double, an RBI and a run scored. Senior Erin Leslie got a hit in each game.

The first game proved to

be the closest. The game was tied in the sixth inning after the Bearcats scored three runs to make the game 4-4. They stranded two runners on base which proved to be costly.

Central Oklahoma added a leadoff homerun to retake the lead in the seventh and held on for the 5-4 victory.

The second game was not as close. Central Oklahoma scored three in the first inning and never looked back. They scored seven more runs over the next three innings to win convincingly.

The Bearcats have five freshmen starting, so getting used to the college game is expected. Anderson said the freshmen had a deer in the headlights look at the plate, but the team played solid defense.

The ‘Cats first game this weekend is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Friday in Wichita Falls.

FOOTBALL CELEBRATION



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RS-FR. WIDE RECEIVER Tyler Shaw autographs a poster for Grant Redd, a dedicated Bearcat fan. Hundreds of Bearcat fans lined up to receive autographs from the 2009 NCAA football and cheerleading National Champions on Sunday in Bearcat Arena. The first thousand fans received a free football championship poster. Shaw was voted Phil Voge RS-Fr. of the year by his coaches and teammates.

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WRESTLING | DEFENDING CHAMPIONS

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SENIORS BRYCE ALEXANDER (left) and Dannen Merrill (right) pose in the locker room after a grueling practice. Both wrestlers set out to capture back-to-back titles this weekend at the State Championship Tournament in Columbia, Mo.

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NW TRACK

Bearcats continue consistent performance

By Jon Brown
Missourian Reporter

The track team took eight athletes to the Iowa State Classic last weekend. Three of the athletes turned in personal best collegiate times.

“Ben Mckim got an indoor PR on the shot, Eric Rickert had some really good throws,” head coach Scott Lorek said. “We’re being real consistent. We’re always looking for something better.”

Senior Ben McKim broke his career-best with a throw of 57-feet, 7.2-inches in the shot put.

His throw ties him for fifth in the nation this season.

“The throw itself actually hit the same mark twice. I guess this is a good sign because I am being consistent and I can hopefully get a bigger throw later,” McKim said. “What I want to throw by the end of indoor season is 60 feet, that’s my goal. Hopefully I can hit that and go for bigger roles.”

Junior Eric Rickert threw the shot 49-feet-7.75- inches.

Junior Kate Walter, along with sophomore Tyler Shaw, were able to turn in provisional marks, but were unable to beat previous marks set earlier this season.

“Tyler Shaw is so close to popping open a real big one” Lorek said. “As a group, I think we’re being consistent. We’re just waiting for a real big one to pop.”

Sophomore Angela Adams ran the mile in a personal-best time of 5:05.77.

Adams missed the provisional qualifying mark by a little more than a second.

“It [the meet] went really well, all the girls jumped really well and everyone ran well in the hurdles,” senior Emily Churchman said.

The ‘Cats travel to Warrensburg, Mo. this Friday for the Central Missouri Classic.

“We’re going to head down to Central, it will be our last meet before the conference meet. We’re able to bring the whole team to this meet,” Lorek said. “We’re looking for good marks in certain events, tune up things and get people up to that next level that we need to be at.”

Senior duo sets out to repeat State Championship glory

By Tony Botts
Comm. Sports Editor

High school athletes all across the nation set out at the beginning of each season with one single, goal in common; win state.

For Maryville seniors Bryce Alexander and Dannen Merrill this year’s goal was slightly different; win state, again.

Alexander, the top ranked wrestler at 160 lbs. in Class 1, took down the state of Missouri last season, capturing his first individual title after

falling short in his previous two state tournaments in Kentucky.

“In Kentucky, there were no classes, so they place the top eight,” Alexander said. “I got eighth my sophomore year and my freshman year I got one match before placing. It’s really a different experience to win.”

For Merrill, the third ranked wrestler at 130 lbs., a fifth place finish as a freshman and a third place finish as a sophomore preceded his state title.

“It was great to finally win it and

to get into the finals because the first two years I had made it to the semi-finals both years and lost,” Merrill said. “But to finally get in the finals and win the state tournament was really great. I was so happy, I can’t really explain it.”

Merrill enters his fourth state tournament with an unblemished record at 41-0 and will compete at the 125 lbs. class as opposed to the 130 lbs. class he competed at for the majority of the season.

Alexander made his fourth state

See **WRESTLING** on **A8**

“My old coach used to say ‘Champions come in pairs’

- Bryce Alexander

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Lady Bearcats capture berth into MIAA Tournament

By Brian Bosiljevac
Univ. Sports Editor

The women’s basketball team clinched a spot in the MIAA Tournament. Who they will play in the first round is still up in the air.

Saturday’s 30 point trouncing of Missouri Western gave the Bearcats (12-11, 8-8 MIAA) their eighth conference win and secured a post-season berth.

“My favorite quote Bobby Knight ever said was you’ve got to get into position to be in position,” head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. “In other words you’ve got to make the tournament, now we’re in it, now let’s position ourselves. We’ve got a lot to play for. If we finish seventh or eighth in

the league we have to face some monsters right off the bat and you don’t want to face the monsters first round. That’s our motivation. Now get into position, six or higher.”

The 103-73 victory marked the second game in a row the ‘Cats scored over 100 points.

Sophomore Shelly Martin led all scorers by tying a career-high with 23 points. Martin left the court shooting 5-of-9 from three-point range.

Martin’s three point shooting became contagious as the ‘Cats made 15 threes throughout the game, one shy of tying a program record.

“We missed 14 (three pointers). If it would have

been up to me we wouldn’t have missed any,” Steinmeyer said. “It’s pretty simple Western absolutely doesn’t want you to get to the lane. Their philosophy is if you are going to beat us you’re going to do it from the perimeter. You’re not going to drive on us; you’re not going to post us. First time out that’s exactly what happened and they beat us. Second time out we had five perimeter kids score double figures.”

The ‘Cats are tied for fifth in MIAA standings and will use its remaining four games to try and improve its seed in the MIAA Tournament.

The final stretch for the ‘Cats started Wednesday at Truman State.

The first time the teams met, Martin hit a three-pointer as time expired to beat the Bulldogs 58-55 and snap a four game losing streak.

The buzzerbeater helped turn the season around for a slumping Northwest team, Steinmeyer said.

“I think we are playing way better than we were before,” freshman Emily Hauder said. “We are playing a lot more like a team right now. We are hoping that we have a better chance this time and won’t need a last second shot.”

Results were unavailable as of press time.

Next the ‘Cats will take on Central Missouri at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Bearcat Arena.



JUNIOR POST GENTRY Dietz goes up over two MWSU defenders to help the ‘Cats blow past MWSU 103-73. Dietz scored 12 points and hauled in 13 rebounds.

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